

Amendments to the Drawings

Applicant has attached corrected drawing sheets for Figures 1-8 as an Appendix to this response.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the January 27, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8, 9, 15 and 18 and objected to claims 3, 7, 10-14, 16, 17 and 19-24. This response cancels claims 2-3, 13-14, and 16, without prejudice or disclaimer, amends claims 1, 4-6, 8, 15, and 17, and presents new claims 25 and 26 for consideration. After entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1, 4-12, 15, and 17-26 (3 independent claims; 21 total claims) remain pending in the application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's statement that claims 3, 7, 10-14, 16, 17, and 19-24 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In accordance with the Examiner's statement, Applicant has amended the claims to include the allowable subject matter.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims fully comply with 35 U.S.C. §112 and are allowable over the prior art of record. Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the above in greater detail or deem that further amendments should be made to improve the form of the claims, then the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience.

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